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OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY

- ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____
- ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 D.C. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), ~~or thirty days~~, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☒ Claim(s) 21-26 is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 10-20 is/are rejected.
- ☒ Claim(s) 9 is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
- ☐ received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of Reference Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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The drawings are objected to because of the matters noted on PTO-948. Correction is required.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-11, 15, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by

4/17 or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over ^{Goulding}~~Goulding~~ (Great Britain 221047).

The Fig. 1 view shows plural slide rails and column 4, lines 32-35, suggest different transfer cylinders reading on claim 7.

Claims 4, 13-14, 16, 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goulding in view of Katabira et al.

Katabira et al in Fig. 2 teaches axial movement of shaft 51 which is also located in a slide away member 65. At the time of applicant's invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the printing art to modify Goulding to permit the additional axial degree of

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adjustment of the transfer cylinders taught by Katabira et al. Joggle links 77, 79 are actuated by *4/1* cranks in the form of cylinders 73, 75 to move the bearing *block* of Katabira *et al.*

Claim 12 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goulding in view of Piecha et al.

Piecha et al teaches the well known quick disconnect to change plate cylinders. It would have been obvious to modify Goulding to have a quick change feature.

Claim 9 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 21-26 stand allowed.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. A shortened statutory period of 3 months is set to response.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Eickholt at telephone number (703) 308-0956.

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